

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method comprising the steps of:  
receiving, from a party engaged in an active call, a request for transfer of the  
call from a first communication unit to a pre-provisioned second communication unit  
5 associated with the party;  
consulting a database to determine the second communication unit;  
while maintaining a telephonic connection to the first communication unit,  
attempting to establish a telephonic connection to the second communication unit;  
if the connection to the second communication unit is established, dropping  
10 the connection to the first communication unit, thereby transferring the call from the  
first communication unit to the second communication unit of the party.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a request for transfer  
is accomplished without receiving a directory number of the second communication  
15 unit.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the first communication unit comprises a  
mobile phone and the second communication unit comprises a landline phone  
associated with the party.  
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4. The method of claim 1, wherein the first communication unit comprises a  
landline phone and the second communication unit comprises a mobile phone of the  
party.
- 25 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising, if the connection to the second  
communication unit is not established:  
sending a message to the first communication unit indicating that the  
requested transfer did not occur.
- 30 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of consulting a database comprises  
consulting the database to determining a directory number of the second  
communication unit.

7. The method of claim 1, comprising:  
determining a directory number of the first communication unit;  
consulting a database to determine an enablement status of the first  
5 communication unit to invoke a call transfer to the second communication unit;  
if the first communication unit is not enabled to invoke the call transfer,  
sending a message to the first communication unit indicating that the requested  
transfer is not enabled.
- 10 8. A method comprising:  
maintaining a database including indicia of at least a first communication unit  
and indicia of a second communication unit to which call transfers may be directed  
from the first communication unit;  
receiving, from the first communication unit, a call transfer request;  
15 consulting the database to determine the second communication unit; and  
transferring the call from the first communication unit to the second  
communication unit.
- 20 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the first communication unit comprises a  
mobile phone and the second communication unit comprises a landline phone  
associated with a party.
- 25 10. The method of claim 8, wherein the first communication unit comprises a  
landline phone and the second communication unit comprises a mobile phone of the  
party.
- 30 11. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of receiving a call transfer  
request is accomplished without receiving a directory number of the second  
communication unit.
12. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of transferring the call  
comprises:

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while maintaining a telephonic connection to the first communication unit,  
establishing a telephonic connection to the second communication unit;

after the connection to the second communication unit is established, dropping  
the connection to the first communication unit.

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